

OTHER DUTIES OF THE LONG-TERM CARE COMMITTEE - BACKGROUND MEMORANDUM

In addition to the study responsibilities assigned to the Long-Term Care Committee for the 2009-10 interim, the committee has also been assigned to:

- Receive reports from the Department of Human Services after June 30, 2010, regarding the outcomes of the dementia care services program (Section 2 of 2009 House Bill No. 1043 ([Appendix A](#))).
- Receive a report from the Department of Human Services before September 1, 2010, regarding the outcomes and recommendations from the study of the methodology and calculations for the ratesetting structure for public and private licensed developmental disabilities and home and community-based service providers (Section 1 of 2009 House Bill No. 1556 ([Appendix B](#))).

DEMENTIA CARE SERVICES PROGRAM

The 2007-08 interim Long-Term Care Committee studied the availability of and future need for dementia-related services and funding for programs for individuals with dementias. The committee learned the following services are available for individuals with dementia:

- Skilled nursing facilities.
- Assisted living/basic care facilities.
- In-home care providers.
- Adult day care programs.
- Adult foster care.
- Medical professionals.
- Support groups.
- Care consultation/geriatric case managers.

The committee recommended House Bill No. 1043, which was approved by the 2009 Legislative Assembly. The bill:

- Directs the Department of Human Services to contract with a private provider for a dementia care services program in each area of the state served by a regional human service center. The dementia care services must include:

Identifying available services within the region.

Providing information to medical professionals, law enforcement, and the public regarding the symptoms of dementia, the benefits of early detection and treatment, and the services available to individuals with dementia and their caregivers.

Assessing the needs of individuals with dementia and their caregivers.

Training care providers to manage and provide for the care of individuals with dementia.

Providing consultation services to individuals with dementia and their caregivers.

Facilitating the referral of individuals with dementia and their caregivers to appropriate care and support services.

- Provides for a report to the Legislative Management regarding the outcomes of the program.
- Provides a \$1.2 million general fund appropriation for the program.

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICE PROVIDER RATES

House Bill No. 1556 provides that during the 2009-10 interim the Department of Human Services contract with an independent contractor to study the methodology and calculations for the ratesetting structure used by the department to reimburse all developmental disabilities service providers, including public and private, licensed developmental disabilities ICF/MR facilities, such as the Anne Carlsen Center, and home and community-based service providers serving ICF/MR medically fragile and behaviorally challenged individuals. The study is to address reimbursement adequacy and equitability and fairness of reimbursement rates among such providers, the level of medical and supportive services required by providers to adequately serve individuals in those categories, the varying levels of medical and behavioral complexity of individuals requiring services by the providers, and any other analytical comparisons bearing upon issues of reimbursement adequacy, fairness, and equitability to such providers. In obtaining data and arriving at outcomes and recommendations, the study is to include consultations with those providers furnishing services to such individuals.

The bill provides a \$200,000 appropriation, of which \$100,000 is from the general fund, to the Department of Human Services for conducting the study.

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